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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 21, 2008, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-8 and 10.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. XX A petition for an extension of time to respond to the final

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rejection was filed on January 21, 2009, for a third month.

- 2. XX A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
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